



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
PETERS et al.)
Application Number: 10/820,695)
Filed: April 9, 2004)
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING)
OF RESIDUES FROM THE)
MICROSTRUCTURE AN OBJECT)
Atty Docket No. AIRP.0001)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

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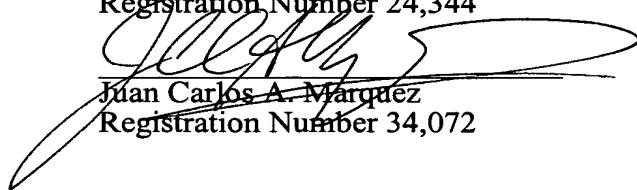
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I. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 37 CFR 1.115

The following is a preliminary amendment to the above application. Since this amendment is filed prior to the mailing of the first Office Action, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendment.

Please amend the above-entitled patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

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